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COMMENT OF THE GREETING CARD ASSOCIATION

The Greeting Card Association (GCA) files this Comment pursuant to Order No. 1609 (January 2, 2013), in order to suggest an enhancement to a project the Postal Service already has in hand.

In the Preface to USPS-FY12-33, the Postal Service states that its Collection Point Management System

. . . does not currently have the capability of tracking the number of collection boxes removed or the number of collection boxes added during a specific fiscal year. The Postal Service is in the process of adding this functionality to CPMS and anticipates being able to provide such information for Fiscal Year 2014.

GCA, which has consistently argued in favor of enhanced access to the mails for small-volume users, applauds the improvement described in the quoted passage. We would suggest one additional feature to make CPMS even more useful in this respect. It is our understanding that some collection box discontinuances remove one box at a multi-box location (e.g., adjacent to a post office), while others eliminate the *only* collection box at the location. If CPMS could indicate, in each case, which of these situations will obtain after the change, the data it collects would be even more useful for monitoring household and small-business access to the postal system.

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Respectfully submitted,
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